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TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Tri-Valley Board of Ed. Has approved the following changes to the school calendar: School will be in session February 18th and March 16th, 2011.

The PTO will hold a **Family Skate Night** on February 5, 2011. Admission. Please note the times for different grade levels: Grades K-3, 5-7 PM; Grades 5-7, 7:30-9:30 PM. For further information, please contact: Christy Brooks: cjajcbrooks@yahoo.com

Tri-Valley Theatre Club - Dinner Theatre *Death of a Doornail*, will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011. (See Pg. 2)

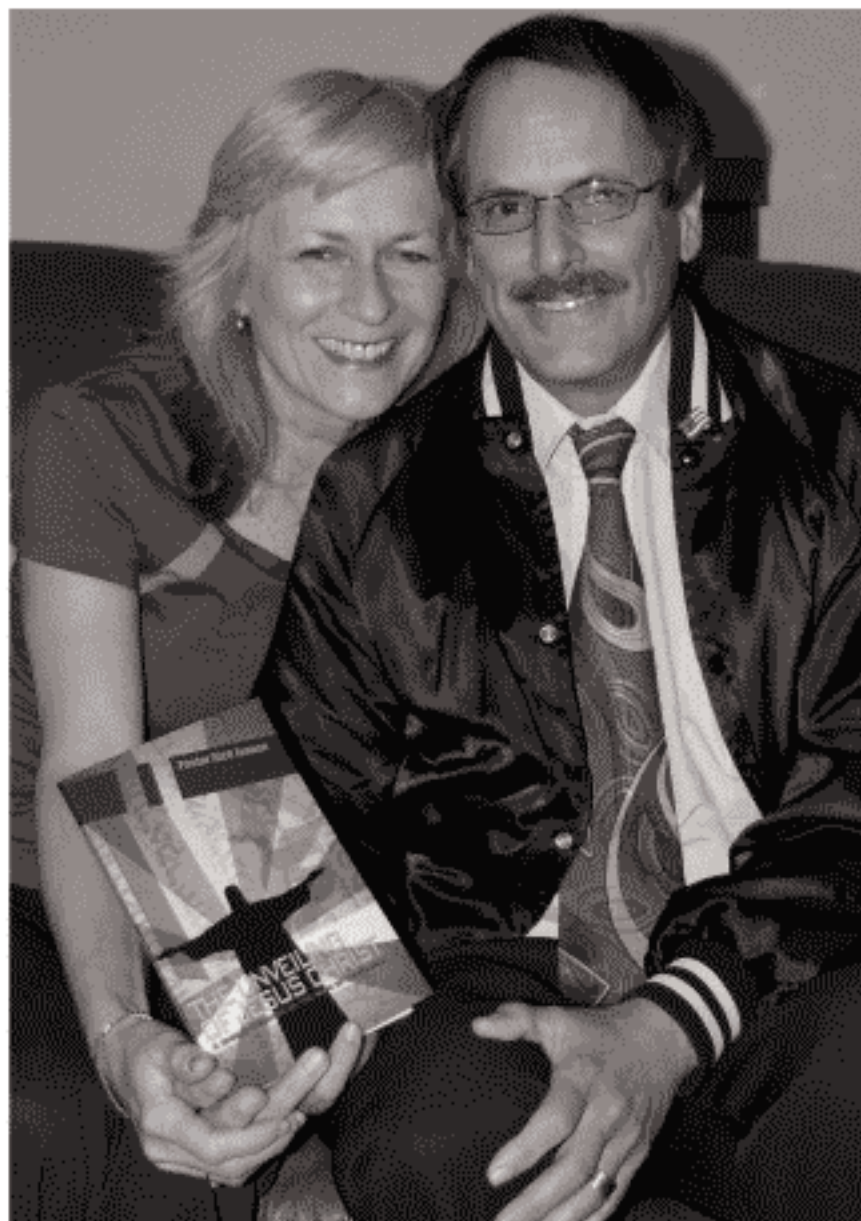
The FFA will hold a **Penny Social** on Sunday, February 13, 2011 between 3-7:30 PM. Admission is between \$2-3. Proceeds will benefit the FFA trip to Costa Rica. (See Pg. 2)

FBLA NEWS - District 3N Spring Meeting and Competition - Tuesday, February 8, 2011 7 am-4 pm - Cost: \$12 non-refundable; **American Red Cross Blood Drive** Thursday, February 17, 2011 from 11 am-4 pm, Upstairs gym; **2011 State Leadership Conference** - April 6-8, 2011- Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY Cost: \$388/person.

SCMEA All-County 2011- February 26th, 2011 - Rehearsal for all groups - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon; March 4th, 2011 - Rehearsal for Middle School String Orchestra, Senior High Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorus, Senior High Jazz Ensemble, Junior High Band. These ensembles ONLY!; March 5th, 2011 - Rehearsal and concerts for all groups - 8:30 A.M. - Concert; Concert 1 - 3:00 P.M. - JH String Orchestra, Elementary Chorus, Middle School Band; Concert 2 - 5:00 P.M. - SH Jazz Ensemble, Women's Chorus, JH Band, SH Mixed Chorus; March 6th, 2011 - Snow date for March 5th.

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PASTOR-EDUCATOR PENS 1ST BOOK-SIGNINGS ANNOUNCED



NEVERSINK--Often described as a gifted and educated scholar well-known Sullivan County Pastor Richard Ienuso has penned his first book titled "The Unveiling Of Jesus Christ."

The book is a unique synopsis on the *Book of Revelation*.

In the Introduction chapter Rev. Ienuso proclaims, "Jesus Christ is coming back...I'm sure you have heard this before...He is...and the Book of Revelation declares it."

Pastor Ienuso noted in the Introduction chapter that "John the Apostle wrote it (The Book of Revelation)" and "his purpose was to give us "The Revelation of Jesus Christ."

"Therefore, as we study this book Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of the living God will be revealed," the pastor wrote. (Contd. Pg. 9)

THE BIRCHBUMBLES ARE BACK



Constance Lawrence, Stephen Lavelle and Mike Valentine ham it up in the *Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* for The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

Hold onto your hats, the Birchbumbles are back in town on Saturday, February 12, at an audience-participation murder mystery called *The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre* written by Peter DiPietro.

It's gonna be a hog-slappin' good time at the Birchbumble family reunion, where all cousins come together to celebrate with their Valentine at the Liberty Firehouse at 256 Sprague Avenue in Liberty, NY. And everybody in town is a cousin. So y'all better show up (Contd. Pg. 8)

ERH PRESENTS CALLIGRAPHS AND OTHER PRINTS BY CLAUDIA WARUCH AT THE HEALING ART GALLERY

Claudia Waruch's collagraphs and other prints will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Art Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from the end of January through the end of March. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. Free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400, ext. 286. A reception to meet the artist is planned for Thursday, February 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. (Contd. Pg. 8)

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND OF LOVE SONGS, DESSERTS AND JEWELRY!

(Hurleyville, NY) Looking for a romantic, enjoyable way to spend Valentine's Day without breaking the bank? Why not immerse yourself and the one you love in an evening or afternoon of live musical entertainment and delicious desserts? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be performing a weekend Valentine Cabaret "Dessert Theatre" on February 12, 13 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Admission includes the show and a sumptuous assortment of desserts and is strictly "pay what you can afford!" Donations in any amount will be gladly accepted. (Contd. Pg. 8)

2011 SC INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT HOLD FIRST MEETING

The first meeting for the 2011 Sullivan County International Pageant will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY.

Those who are interested in more information or would like to sign up are welcome to attend. The age categories are Young Miss (5-8 years old), Pre-Teen (9-12 years old), Teenager (13-18 years old), Miss (19-29 years old) and Mrs. (21-56 years old & married).

The Pageant will be hosted by the Villa Roma Resort on Saturday, April 23rd. For more information visit the pageant website at: <http://sullivancountypageant.web.officelive.com>

SHAWANBUCKS-A BUY-LOCAL REWARDS PROGRAM

Shawanbucks, a buy-local rewards program, has been launched in the Ellenville-Wawarsing area. This idea was presented by local business owner Nadia Maczaj of Rusty Plough Farm at the October Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce Marketing Seminar and has come to fruition in time for Valentine's Day, thanks to help from the Chamber, local business owners and a few community members. At last night's Chamber of Commerce mixer, Nadia presented the idea to even more business owners and the community. Those businesses who do not have a bricks & mortar/pedestrian customer venue can also take part. Rusty Plough Farm is not open now and doesn't actually have a farm stand, but we'll send an email to our customers that we accept the Shawanbucks and will let folks know via the web. We can offer gift certificates for the coming season as part of this program, or even gift items such as handmade beeswax candles and handmade dried flower wreaths. To date, about 20 businesses have signed onto the program and the pink flyers are appearing around town. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.
Psalm 57:5

OBITUARY

John D. Noren of Neversink passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 76.

The son of the late John Noren and the late Elizabeth Abplanalp Noren, he was born December 19, 1934 in Liberty.

John was a retired waste water Treatment Plant Operator for the Town of Fallsburg. He was a 40-year member of the Neversink First Aid Squad and was its current president. He was an honorary member of the Neversink Fire Department, an avid sportsman, especially hunting and fishing, and was an amateur photographer. John was, first of all, a devoted family man. He loved to invent and improve things. He had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved being around people.

John is survived by his sons: William Noren and his wife, Karen of Rochester, Jesse Noren and his wife, Bobbi of Neversink and Joseph Noren and his wife, Susan of Neversink; daughters: Marie Graham and her husband, Dan of Neversink, Eva Gorton and her husband, Clay of Hancock, Cindy Utter and her husband, Larry of Greeley, PA, and Gail Gerow of White Lake; 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. John's wife, Loretta, and his son, John predeceased him.

The Neversink Fire Department held Firematic Services at Ramsay's Funeral Home, Liberty on January 28th. Funeral Services were on Saturday, January 29th at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Grahamsville; the Rev. Robert Kersten officiated. Burial will take place at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville.

COLLEGE NEWS

Emily Devore of Neversink has been awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Elmira College, which has the longest running Honor Scholarship program in the nation.

Elmira College awards in excess of \$14.5 million in Honor Scholarships each year. Scholarships are awarded regardless of financial need and are renewable based on full-time status and continuous enrollment for three additional years with the appropriate grade point average.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History
January 24, 1951 - Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dean are the parents of a son, born January 22nd at the Maimonides Hospital.

The Frost Valley Lumber Company is progressing rapidly on preparation for opening of the mill on February 1st.

The Neversink Fire Company responded to a call from the Walter Edwards' on Saturday (when they found their home on fire after returning from shopping) and were able to extinguish the blaze before much damage was done. Arthur Pomeroy was overcome with the fumes from an extinguisher but is now back to normal.

The mobilizing American economy continued to show symptoms of inflation last week. The developments included these:

Food prices have reached an all-time record high - nearly 7% over the pre-Korean War level - and still climbing. Stock prices on the New York Exchange last Wednesday hit a twenty-year high. Ten years ago - 11 months before Pearl Harbor - President Roosevelt sent Congress a budget totaling \$17.5 billion. Last week President Truman sent Congress a vastly larger budget totaling \$71.6 billion.

January 25, 1961 - Mr. Peter Telfer, Guidance Director, announced that Mr. Ira Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, has been selected as one of the semi-finalists for a General Electric Scholarship at Union College for the summer of 1961.

Grace Knight died Thursday, January 19th at Liberty Loomis Hospital after a long illness. She was 78 years of age. She was born April 8, 1882 at Grahamsville, the daughter of James B. Slater and Sarah Housman. She was married November 18, 1903 at Grahamsville to John Knight.

Condolences go to the family of Mr. Fred Dollaway who passed away on January 19th.

Mr. Dollaway was a brother to Mrs. Percy Cole of Claryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Parker are the proud parents of a son, born on Monday morning, January 23rd in Norfolk, Virginia, weighing 7 lbs. Mrs. Parker is the former Brooke Anderson. Mr. Sam Anderson is the maternal grandfather.

January 27, 1971 - Michael Dean, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Dean of Neversink, has been accepted at Salem College in West Virginia. He plans to major in physical education.

Congratulations and good luck to Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlop, the new owners and proprietors of the general store in Sundown. The store was recently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanAken Jr. and before that for many years by Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Dean.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Edwards on the arrival of a baby daughter. They live in the former Carson Eighmey home.

January 22, 1981 - Town of Neversink Dog Control Officer Archie J. Ackerley issued 52 summonses for delinquency in purchasing 1981 dog licenses in the Town of Neversink. The howling could be heard for miles around.

Congratulations to Elyse Hornbeck who made the Dean's List at SUNY Brockport with a 4.0 average.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Condon are the proud grandparents of their FIRST granddaughter after 7 grandsons. The proud parents are Mary and Robert DeStefano of Glendale Heights, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Laeton wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diana Lynne Hall to Scott Keith Grey. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grey of Grahamsville. A June 27, 1981 wedding is planned.

Sundown Mayor, Richard VanWagner, says the snow snakes are out in full force now and he's killed four of the little devils so far.

Good luck to Bill and Barbara (Krum) Mahnken, the new proprietors of Krum's Store in Grahamsville. They are assisted by son, Scott, behind the meat counter and daughter, Stacey at the check-out counter.

DINNER THEATER DEATH OF A DOORNAIL

Dinner Theater to be held on Saturday, February 12th at 6:00 pm with the show starting at 7:00 pm

The dinner theater is a student run performance sponsored by the Tri-Valley Theater Club with seniors, Rae Polonsky and Chris Whipple directing. Dinner will include Cornish Game Hens, Roasted New Potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit cup and chocolate trifle for dessert. A vegetarian dish of Asian style vegetable stir-fry over rice will also be available. Reservations are required in order to be served a meal and selection of the meal type is also required prior to the event. Costs for adults is \$20.00 and for children 12 and under and senior citizens is \$16.00. Seating is limited so call today. Bleacher seats will be available the evening of the show for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens, no meal accompanies a bleacher seat.

Also, come and participate in the mystery. Great door prizes and gift baskets are available for those who can determine the killer! Come, play and enjoy a great meal to support the Theater Club.

For information call Tara Berescik and Regina Hartman- 845-985-2296 ext 5503.

PENNY SOCIAL!

There will be a Penny Social including Penny Tables, Special Tables, Door Prizes, Mystery Bags and Children's Table on Sunday, February 13th, 2011 at Tri-Valley Central School Cafeteria on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The doors will open at 3:00 pm, and calling begins at 4:15 pm

Admission is \$2 and will include the first set of tickets, 1 baked good, 1 beverage

Additional tickets, refreshments and dinner items will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the Tri-Valley FFA Students traveling abroad to Costa Rica.

For information call Tara Berescik at 985-2296 ext 5503.

HERE AND THERE - No news this week.
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NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM...

submitted by Hulda Vernooy from 'Our Town Reader'

The other day someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preachers, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood and, if my mother had ever known that took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, america would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us!

TVCS INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD NEWS-Girls and Boys Teams win OCL Division V Title (From Pg. 1)

On Saturday January 22nd the Girls and Boys Track Teams solidified a Division Team (7 Teams) Championship at West Point. The Girls ended with a 12-0 record out pointing 2nd place Liberty by 40 points and winning their 2nd consecutive OCL Division Title. The Boys ended with an 11-1 Record losing to Liberty and therefore being CO-Champions. The Girls had 1st place finishes by the 3200 Relay (Autumn Bender, Caroline Bertholf, Ashley Weintraub, Olivia Rehm) and Dominique Darby in the Shot Put. High Point totals for the Girls were Bender 18.5, Emma Tingley 18, Agnes Pompeii, Ashley Weintraub, Dominique Darby 10, Bernie Tierney 8, Heidi Furman 8, Vicky Tingley 8 and Caroline Bertholf 7.5. The Boys had no 1st place finishes but were led by high point totals from: Brendan Tierney 15, Omar Lopez 14, Damon Lopez 11, Jim Bernstein 8 and Brian Edwards 8.

The Teams will now focus on the next Team Championship which is the Sullivan County Championship on February 9th at 3:30 at Sullivan Community College.

Darby Qualifies for Milrose games

Friday January 28th, Junior Dominique Darby will compete in a prestigious Field of six throwers in the Milrose Games Girls 20LB weight throw. The competition includes the #1 thrower from Georgia and Rhode Island. Good Luck!

Alumni Track and Field News

Ryan Loughney and Garrett Grey recently competed at the Kent State Invitational in the 35 LB Weight Throw for Ashland University. Ryan won the competition, with Garrett placing 5th. Presently Ryan is Ranked #1 in the US among Division II Universities with Garrett ranked 4th. Congratulations!

BOCES CULINARY STUDENTS WORK WITH TRI-VALLEY SECOND GRADE CLASS TO IMPACTED TV FAMILIES OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Collaboration never took on a meaning as it did when the Culinary students at BOCES worked hand-in-hand with Ms. Walsh's Tri-Valley second grade class to make pies for families in need.

Over the holiday season Ms. Walsh's class took part in a life long learning experience - the lesson of "Doing for Others". The students started the project early on in the year by collecting names of families who had less than others. Their goal was to make pies for the families so they had a special added treat the holidays. The students beamed of excitement as they worked with the high school culinary students making pies. According to Justin Garlinghouse, "This helps a lot of people, it's the first pie I have ever made and it makes me feel happy cause I like

helping people and they will be smiling when they eat my pie."

The baking process was started by the Culinary students preparing the pie shells and then working with the second graders in preparing the filling and measuring ingredients. For most of the second grade students this was the first time they had ever baked. Under the step-by-step instruction of Kathy Poppo, the Culinary Arts Teacher and the help of a handful of family members the students made 50 apple and pumpkin pies to be distributed. When the pies were completed the students packaged the pies and labeled each pie for delivery.

"The effort was worth every minute. This was a project the students worked on from start to finish," stated Ms. Walsh, "It's amazing to see that the kids are really enjoying helping people. It's an incredible memory that these kids will keep in their memory forever", added Walsh.

As a special treat all the students made pizza for lunch. The project took place in the Career & Tech Dining Room at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty. The second grade students who participated in the project were; Joshua Ackerley, Jordan Beach, Brianna Bell, Lorna Bragg, Rachel Brooks, Sanaa Carter, Jordan Costa, Keith Feliciano, Justin Garlinghouse, Aidan Healy, Jasmine Irwin, Destin Johnson, Paige Krummack, Robert Lepke, Hunter Porter, Jordan Rivera, Justyn Rivera, and Kelsey Shamro.

SC VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY ANNOUNCES "VALENTINES FOR VETS" PROGRAM DURING NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WEEK - (February 8 - February 14)

Monticello - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will have a "Valentines for Vets" display in the lobby of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello -Wednesday, February 2 - Thursday, February 3 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm).

"Grade school children from all our local school districts participate in this program by creating Valentine's Day cards for our hospitalized veterans. These Valentines are a great way to say thank you to the brave men and women who are hospitalized and let them know they are not forgotten," said John Crotty, Director of the Veterans Service Agency.

The cards will be delivered to our local VA medical centers and nursing homes

SULLIVAN COUNTY NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2011

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan Rouis, along with four local not-for-profit agencies, will present the first Sullivan Not-for-Profit Summit on March 4. The summit, aiming to bring Senior Leadership and Board of Directors Leadership from as many Sullivan County not-for-profit agencies as possible together to discuss collaborative opportunities, shared services, as well as trends in local and regional collaboration, will begin from 9am-4pm at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Jonathan Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature said, "This summit has been a goal of mine since early 2009, and I am excited to join these local agencies to provide a forum for sharing ideas, resources and services."

Amanda Speer, Family and Youth Development Team Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County, is serving as the Event Committee Chair, and CCE will act as a clearinghouse for registrants. She said, "Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension is extremely grateful for the opportunity to assist in bringing together the many people and organizations that do good work in this county. By creating a supportive network of non-profit leaders we can all better understand one another's missions and maximize our service to county residents."

The event will feature two panel discussions: one featuring Sullivan County groups who have collaborated successfully with other groups, municipalities, etc. to share the secrets to their successes, and the other will feature regional experts speaking to the importance of big-picture collaborations, as well as emerging trends in the region.

Darlene Fedun, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts said, "Nonprofit organizations are significant contributors to the economic and social well being in communities. Bethel Woods, as a cultural center, believes in the power of collaborative efforts. Together we can achieve economies of scale, promotional / marketing ties, audience development opportunities and expansion of programs while boosting our individual identities, reach and impact."

Alexis Eggleton, Executive Director for the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs, which serves Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty stated "Our local not-for-profit agencies have been hard-hit during this recession, and our hope is that this summit will allow

us all to really consider our individual missions and shared goals, to find commonality and new partners. Any way we can help our colleagues while also expanding our ability to serve Sullivan County youth is a win-win for us!"

Kathy Kreiter, Agency Director for the Dispute Resolution Center of Sullivan County added, "Seizing the opportunity to collaborate with other non-profits provides the potential to make our organizations stronger, better, and more responsive to the needs of those we exist to serve."

For more information, or to register for this event, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-6180. Registration for this event is \$20 per person, and must be paid in advance.

CWC BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTPONED

The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 in Margaretville, has been postponed until February 8 at 1 p.m.

The forecast for dangerous winter driving conditions prompted the postponement of the regular monthly Board meeting, as well as Committee meetings slated for Tuesday.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings. A schedule appears on the CWC website.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400.

BAD FLEAS, GOOD SNOW FLEAS

By Peggy DeWire



When my next door neighbor answered the phone, I said excitedly, "Jenny, I have hundreds of fleas -"

She interrupted, "I'll be right over with some bug spray" and slammed down the receiver.

A couple of minutes later she arrived breathless with a spray can at the ready.

I met her at the kitchen door and pointed to the last lingering snow bank in the backyard, "They're over there but we don't need the bug spray because they're good fleas. Snow fleas. C'mon."

We walked over in the warm early spring sunshine and watched so many little black dots jumping on the surface that the whole snow bank seemed to be moving.

Jenny made a face. "You're sure these aren't real fleas? Ugh! How I hate them."

I told her that Snow fleas are an entirely different insect from regular fleas - the ones that suck blood from cats, dogs and people. They get the same name because they jump like fleas.

Snow fleas live in leaf litter on the ground. They feed by chewing up minute bits of moss, fungi, pollen and decayed plant debris. In spring they lay eggs in the ground, which hatch into nymphs that grow throughout the summer.

They mature by early winter and on warm winter days as young adults swarm on top of the snow. In early spring they mate, lay eggs and begin the life cycle all over again.

Snow fleas (*Achorules nivicolus*) jump with a special body part (a hook) the furcula, folded under the abdomen and held by a muscle catch.

When released, this acts like a spring and tosses the snow flea up in the air a couple of inches. In fact their cousins in the Colembola order are called springtails.

These tiny insects 1/16 inch long and dark blue occur everywhere in the world, including Antarctica. Here in the U.S. some species swarm in the thousands like pepper dots in the snow. They're abundant, a million per acre but are seldom seen because of their tiny size.

Snow fleas aren't harmful to man or his crops. I think they're probably the bottom link of the food chain for creatures that live right on the soil line like grubs and centipedes.

Jenny and I put moss in a bowl and added a handful of snow with Snow fleas on top for her family to watch. I was delighted that she started home mumbling happily about bad fleas, good fleas - Snow fleas.



NATIONAL BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION MONTH SPOTLIGHTS MEDICATION USE DURING PREGNANCY

Maternal-Infant Services Network, Inc., is joining over 350 members of the National Birth Defects Prevention Network to share the message that women of childbearing age should talk with a doctor about which medications are safe to take while pregnant. January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month, and this year's campaign focuses on medication use before, during, and after pregnancy.

Medication use during pregnancy is common - two out of every three women take prescription medications during pregnancy.

"Women of childbearing age should discuss any medications they are using, whether prescription or over-the-counter, with a doctor," says Caren Fairweather, Executive Director, Maternal-Infant Services Network, Inc (MISN). Though many women know that certain prescription medications can cause birth defects, they may not be aware that some dietary supplements and herbal remedies may also harm a developing baby."

Not all medications should be discontinued during pregnancy; some may need to be changed or adjusted. Medical conditions such as diabetes, influenza, and asthma need to be managed during pregnancy and may harm both mother and baby if left untreated. In some cases, doctors may need to weigh the benefits of a medication against the potentially harmful effects.

A baby's organs, such as the heart, brain, and spine, begin developing in the first few weeks, before a woman may realize she is pregnant. For that reason, it is important for women to have conversations with their health care providers about medications before pregnancy.

Every woman should take a multivitamin with 400 mcg. of folic acid daily, starting before pregnancy, to improve the likelihood of delivering a healthy baby. Pregnant women should also eat a healthy diet, avoid alcohol, and get a flu shot.

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network has members from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. The Network collects and distributes information about birth defects and their prevention, encourages research, and provides technical support to state and local birth defects monitoring programs. To learn more about the Network and Birth Defects Prevention Month, please visit www.nbdpn.org. MISN is a member of the Network and is dedicated to family and community health and wellness.

Maternal-Infant Services Network is participating in National Birth Defects Prevention Month by educating women and families through childbirth and parenting preparation classes in Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, and making presentations at middle and high schools in all three counties. To learn more, please contact MISN at 845-928-7448 or cfairweather@misn-ny.org, or visit our web site at www.misn-ny.org.

SHAWANBUCKS (From Pg. 1)

Called Shawanbucks in honor of the beautiful mountain ridge that outlines our town, this great rewards program supports local commerce and local citizens together. After spending \$10.00 in each of 5 different businesses that are participating in the Shawanbucks Reward program, customers become eligible to win \$50.00, \$30.00 or \$25.00 in Shawanbucks, which can then be spent as they wish at any participating business.

Mrs. Maczaj of Rusty Plough Farm brought the idea of a local dollars program to our community from Bethel, Maine, where she saw the same kind of project happening during the Christmas season a few years back. We're all familiar with store rewards cards, which presumably keep us coming back to particular stores. Here's an idea that takes that to a more local level, encouraging us to explore and rediscover our local shops, our downtowns. Our consumer behavior has huge impacts for our communities and the more we choose to go outside of our local area to spend our money, the fewer choices we will ultimately have in the future.

Below is a list of participating businesses to date. More will be signing up in the coming days, so come and explore our community and be a part of this exciting event!

1.Thornton Hardware; 2.Matthew's Pharmacy; 3.Cohen's Bakery; 4.Prashanti Therapeutic Massage Studio; 5.Ariana's Pizzeria; 6.Village Cleaners; 7.Jezebel's Bazaar; 8.Lighthouse Deli; 9.Silver Cup Diner; 10. T's Barber Shop; 11.Image; 12.Pleasant Stone Farm; 13.Rusty Plough Farm 14.Sook House Japanese & Korean Restaurant; 15.White Wolf Restaurant; 16.Ace Hardware; 17.Aroma Thyme Bistro; 18.Gaby's Cafe; 19.Rosegarten Flower Shop/ Christian's Greenhouse

RENAISSANCE MERCHANT DISCOUNTS -Local Businesses Invited to Support Community Beautification Efforts

[MONTICELLO] - Local businesses can support community beautification projects throughout Sullivan County by joining in a Merchant Discount Program organized by Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Now in its tenth year, the program links volunteer Renaissance projects with businesses offering discounts on products and services used to clean up and beautify communities.

"This is a really good approach," said Chamber President Terri Ward, "Renaissance groups are able to stretch their resources while keeping the dollars local and at the same time merchants are able to increase their business. Everyone wins."

Sullivan Renaissance gives grants that provide community groups with seed money for beautification and spruce up projects. Grant amounts range from \$200 to \$5000 depending on the project. The discount program helps this money go farther, while encouraging local spending.

Merchants set the savings amounts - typically 10% to 20% or more - and are given a list of participants. Project leaders are given special cards to identify that the items they are purchasing will be used for Renaissance projects. Stores are publicized in flyers, news releases and on the Sullivan Renaissance website: www.sullivanrenaissance.org

To register for the program, individuals should contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at 845-791-4200 or Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452. Businesses do not need to be chamber members to participate.

WINTER CONFERENCE

Individuals interested in Sullivan Renaissance should reserve Saturday, February 26 for the annual Winter Conference and Expo at the CVI Building. The keynote speaker is Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on community beautification and its positive effects on economic development and tourism. In addition to his keynote, Dr. Tarlow will be presenting a workshop on "How to Make the Most of Your Community."

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IS AN AARP TAX AIDE SITE, OFFERING FREE TAX PREP!

Ferndale NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension's AARP Tax Aide Volunteers are able to provide free tax preparation. This service is set up for taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those- age 60 and older.

AARP Tax Aide is: a free, quality service supported by friendly people in your neighborhood. It is a free and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions. This program has over 32,000 dedicated and proud IRS certified volunteers. Assistance is available at nearly 7,000 sites nationwide from late January through April 15th.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County takes appointments only, no walk ins. Call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-5250 and ask for the AARP Tax-Aide Program to get your appointment today! Call Susan at 845-292-5250 ex 127

DAIRY PRODUCERS GATHER TO DISCUSS SUCCESSFUL REPRODUCTIVE MANAGEMENT IN COWS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan and Orange Counties are pleased to present Winter Dairy Management 2011 Dairy Reproductive Efficiency on Wednesday, February 16th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754 or in Orange County at 18 Seward Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940.

This broadcast will bring you to the front seat with Tiashoke Farm and the Hurst Dairy on successful reproductive management to give you a consistent and favorable pregnancy rate.

Additional speakers will discuss heat abatement, AI programs not represented among the Case Farms and new options for those no longer needing to raise every heifer calf.

This workshop is offered at a reduced rate of \$30 per person and \$15 per additional person from the same farm including lunch and workbook materials. To register with in Sullivan County please contact Cindy at 845-292-6180 or for Orange County contact Cathy Hughes at 845-344-1234 by February 10, 2011.

For more information or to receive a brochure you can contact either of the site hosts or go to: www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy. Additional site locations throughout New York State.

ASSEMBLY PASSES LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C - Forestburgh) announced today that she voted in favor of a bill which will enable smaller residential and non-residential hydroelectric generators to be eligible for net metering.

"Smaller generators of hydroelectric energy have been unable to add any excess energy produced to the grid and partake in net-metering," said Gunther. "There is an estimate that New York has the potential to add 2,257 megawatts of hydropower and an additional 1,000 megawatts of hydrokinetic energy by 2025. Expanding the net-metering law to include these smaller producers will encourage greater investment in new facilities."

Net-metering is the process of deducting the energy used by a facility from the energy sent out from the facility. "Net," in this context, is used in the sense of meaning "what remains after deductions" - in this case, the deduction of any energy outflows from metered energy inflows.

"Legislation to enable the generation and sharing of energy from clean renewable sources is what we've been seeking," said Dick Riesling, Executive Director of Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development. "Small producers of hydroelectric energy, like the dam in Jeffersonville, will benefit from this legislation as will the state when more energy begins flowing into the grid."

MONTICELLO COMMUNITY MEETING - Public invited to hear about ongoing initiatives and volunteer opportunities

[FERNDALE] - Residents, business owners and young people with an interest in Monticello's future are being invited by Sullivan Renaissance to hear an update about the positive work happening in Monticello. The community meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Monticello Fire House on Richardson Avenue.

The primary purpose of the February 13th meeting is to update the community on the work being done, share ideas about future projects, and present opportunities for volunteering.

Sullivan Renaissance has spent the last decade supporting hundreds of projects throughout Sullivan County, many of which have been in the Village of Monticello, the county seat. For the last year Renaissance staff has been working closely with village officials, business owners, students and other partners on several new initiatives designed to improve Monticello.

"Now is the time Sullivan Renaissance would like to encourage residents to come together, share their ideas and participate in specific beautification efforts in Monticello to further compliment efforts already being realized" said Sandra Gerry, who chairs Sullivan Renaissance. "Spring will be here soon and we need to be ready to start planning and planting!"

Copies of the NYSDOT landscaping plans for Broadway will be on display, along with renderings of the decorative street lamps that are slated for installation beginning in the spring.

"We are happy to be partnering with Sullivan Renaissance on installation of the street lights," said Mayor Gordon Jenkins, "The village trustees have also been working on many positive things in the village and we are looking forward to an opportunity to tell residents about our work."

In addition to updates by Sullivan Renaissance and village officials, representatives from other groups will also report on their activities. This will include: an outline of plans to market Broadway and organize events in the coming year from the newly-formed Monticello Business Association; and a unique perspective offered by Monticello High School students who participated in the Monticello Youth Summit in October.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

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Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

The Town of Shandaken openly welcomes Linda Comando and the Tri-Valley Townsman staff to our area. Of course, everyone is welcome to visit the Town of Shandaken website (shandaken.us) to get up-to-date information on events and activity within the Town and region, but it always nice to have another local published outlet for such information. It is my honor to open this and future reports with departed resident (and Hamlet Hero) Ed Ocker's infamous opening line "What's shakin' in Shandaken?"

VOTE Phoenicia "Coolest Small Town": Budget Travel Magazine has nominated Phoenicia as one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America." Noting Phoenicia's proximity to the NYC Metro area and the arts colony of Woodstock, Budget Travel has recognized everything that we love about Phoenicia: arts, activities and natural splendor. A number of communities have been nominated and a group of local residents and business owners have mobilized to "Get Out the Vote." As of January 28, Phoenicia is in eighth place ahead of Eureka Springs, Arkansas in a close ninth. Voting ends February 11, 2011 and people can vote every five hours online. To vote visit the front page of the Town website (shandaken.us) or go to: http://www.budgettravel.com/bt-srv/coolestsmalltowns/CST2011.html

Phoenicia Floods: The Town has been working diligently toward getting permission from NYS DEC to access the Stony Clove Creek in Phoenicia. Following two devastating floods down Main St. in Oct and Dec. of 2010 the Town has applied for gravel bar extraction along the Stony Clove in anticipation of a probable spring thaw flood that may inundate Phoenicia again in the coming months. We have proposed the extraction with the engineering data supplied by the firm Milone and MacBroom paid for through the NYC DEP. These reports maintain that our efforts would mitigate a one-time event at the levels seen during the previous floods which is helpful as we work toward longer term solutions. More on this to come while we await NYS DEC approval.

Parks & Recreation: Volunteers worked hard on New Year's Eve to again construct an Ice Skating Rink in Big Indian Park on Rte. 28, Big Indian. The rink is free to all users (bring your own skates) and open during daytime hours. Stay posted for special events later this winter. Also, the Town in an effort to create a more comprehensive approach concerning our Town Parks and recreational assets is looking to establish a standard Parks and Recreation Board. This is a change from the Ad Hoc committees that had been annually appointed. This board will not increase costs or reduce the services offered. The new law establishing this volunteer board will be presented to the public at the regular monthly Town Board meeting February 7th @ 7pm. A public hearing is slated for March.

Events: As plans continue to develop here's a few things to look forward to this coming year: May 30th - **Memorial Day Parade**, Phoenicia; July-August- **Belleayre Conservatory Concerts**; July 16-17th - **Artist's Studio Tour**, Town wide; June 26th -**Annual Big Indian Car Show**; Aug 4-7th- **Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice**; Aug. 28th - **Shandaken Day in Chichester**, Phoenicia & Woodland Valley As always I'd like to thank our Highway and Emergency Services Staffs for keeping our roads and homes safe and warm during these cold winter days while we all ponder that great philosophical question: Will the Groundhog see his shadow?

Warmest regards... Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken

The Olive Branch

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN -Paula Rhodes

Good morning my friends, and how are all of y'all on this fine day. It's a fine day because the "city" got over a foot of snow and we got none! Oh I just heard they got 19 inches.

It has been very slow around West Shokan. We haven't seen a hand full of people all week. It was just to cold. But, I have been productive! I put the window plastic on all of my windows this week. I was so proud of myself until one of my friends came by and said "Don't you wish you had done that in November?" I walked into my shop on one of the really cold days and the windows were frozen. We have been here going on two years and I don't remember the windows freezing last year.

I love when people hear my accent and say, "OH, how do you like the snow? Bet you're not use to this!" No, I have only lived in the East for over 20 years I've never seen snow! I just adhere to the Southern philosophy "stay home". That is easy for me to say. I really don't have to go out when the weather out side is frightful. I can just stay home and bake! Which brings me to my point here. I made the best cookies. Adam wanted something to take to work for his friends and I had seen a recipe I wanted to try! So now I had a guinea pig! It really isn't a cookie it is a candy but it is so yummy! And sooooo easy! It would be the perfect candy to make with a little one. No cooking just stir and drop! I cut the original recipe in half. I wish I had doubled it because I had to hide the ones I need for Adam! And I have to tell you I really ate my share of them!

Half block of chocolate or white almond bark; 1/2 cup peanut butter; 1 cup of dry roasted peanuts (in chocolate) (or 1 cup chopped almonds in white); 2 cups rice crispies; 2 cups miniature marshmallows or if you only have large ones like me cut into little pieces!

Melt the almond bark in the microwave and add the peanut butter and stir until well blended. Add nuts and rice crispies and stir well ~ Last ad marshmallows. You don't want to add them until the very end. You need to cool the chocolate mix a little because you don't want to melt the marshmallows. You want whole little marshmallows in the candy. Ok stir and drop by spoon full onto wax paper! Yum!!!! I can't wait until my grandson comes to visit and we can make them together!

Well, I spent another week with lawyers, engineers and bears! (Get It? Lions and tigers and bears Oh My ~ Oh Dorothy I am scared). The good thing is I didn't have to parallel park! I hate paperwork!!!!!! Yea like I should be different form anyone else ~ no I know people that actually like paperwork ~ Lions and Tigers and Bears! They must because they can take a simple thing and make it ridiculously complicated! I just want to bake and will be so glad when the lions and tigers and bears have done all the paperwork and I don't have to do it anymore! I am not bad at paperwork. I try to keep it all neat and together but invariably I lose something (in this case

it was my sales report for the third quarter of 2010 which I actually fund in the bread bill folder!) as I was putting all of my papers from 2010 away! See I must not hate it to much because I have my taxes done already!!!! Neaner, neaner, neaner!!!! When I was putting it away and I found it in the box with the pictures of the Veterans Day Parade last year. I didn't know they meet at my store and the parade started here! It is a great parade and you can see all the trees with all the leaves and it is warm and everyone was laughing and sitting on the porch! This year I will do something special for the parade! Maybe hang balloons all over my store. (Contd.. Pg. 7)

ROTARY NOTES: - Cindy Johansen

Rotary is everywhere - in every corner of the world. Some of what Rotary does is so well recognized, countries that would otherwise not allow even the United Nations to enter, allows Rotarians access to bring much needed medicines, vaccines, and inexpensive water purifiers so that clean water can be had by all.

Polio Plus has been a major priority program since 1985. More than two billion children have received the life-saving oral polio vaccine. To date, 210 countries, territories and areas around the world are polio free, and 134 of these have been certified polio free. As of June 2010, Rotary has committed more than \$900 million to global polio eradication. Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to a grant of \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to Rotary's PolioPlus will be counted toward Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by June 30, 2012.

Total contributions for the 2009-10 year were \$268.5 Million Dollars. 57% of those funds were for Polio Plus, 37% went to annual programs, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace Fellowships, and various grants to help fund projects which will enhance health, help alleviate hunger or improve human development. The Foundation has a 'permanent' fund that is perpetuated each year to grow so that grants may continue to flow to help fund all that Rotary does. Only 10% of the fund is used for Administrative purposes, making this one of the best run organizations, putting the lion's share of all moneys it collects to good use.

On a local level, Rotary clubs (there are 67 in our local district) work to not only help the Rotary Foundation (through individual contributions and annual dues) - but bring back to their communities a helping hand - whether that's to fund a boy scout who is earning his Eagle Scout badge, putting flowers around town, picking up garbage along a stretch of road in the community, offering scholarships at local schools, collecting donations for the local food pantry, sponsoring a child who wishes to study through the Rotary Exchange Student program, and welcoming a student from overseas into our homes for a year that

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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES

- Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center, 3179 Route 28, Shokan, NY 12481. 845-657-6127. Well folks, it's been a tough weather week, so I hope some of you at least got to go out and hear some live music. There's some good shows this week too, but we'll get to that later.

If any musicians are reading this, please allow me to take a moment for some undisguised self promotion. In case anybody reading this doesn't know, I am the owner of the best, most complete, full service music store in the Hudson Valley, Reservoir Music Center. If anybody's looking for something unusual that they can't find at their local cookie cutter music store, please do yourself a favor and stop by Reservoir Music on Route 28 in Shokan. We have a very unusual selection of inventory that you won't find many other places, from vintage tube amps and vintage Martins, Gibsons, Fenders, and Gretsch's, to exotic Chinese instruments, Hammond organs, Leslie speakers, vintage Ludwig drums, Deering banjos, Seagull, Blue Ridge, and Taylor guitars, one of a kind prototypes, and rock and roll and movie memorabilia. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN
(From Pg.6)

Perhaps it is a little early to start planning that. Let's concentrate on Valentine Day! We have been in the restaurant business "forever". We never had a Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas Dinner or any holiday diner with our family. We were always working. We would always celebrate the next day or next week but there is something about celebrating a special day on that day! Now, thanks to the store and our wonderful community that supports us we can actually have a life! YEÄ!! And my husband is so good at making things like Valentine Day specials! I am so excited! We can actually go out to dinner or do something like real folks!

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Ok, this started with Ground Hog day bet you didn't know that! Sorry sometime my mind wanders! So Groundhog day ~ next Wednesday! What fun. I think I will make groundhog pie! And how do you make groundhog pie you ask. First you catch a groundhog! The story is ~ I am writing a cook book well actually I want to write a cookbook but haven't gotten very far. Last year Sylvia and I put together a cookbook with local friends' recipes. We made everyone hand write the recipes and we gave all the money we made, ten's of dollars to the library! Ok I am off my point again sorry! Anyway I want to write a cookbook with all the special dishes we eat on holidays and I decided for Groundhog Day I would con-

vert one of my mothers' favorite recipes for Texas Hash into Groundhog Hash! Well I asked Buddy E. "Buddy, can you eat groundhog?". Buddy not only told me you could eat it, he told me how to catch and clean a groundhog! He went into details so the recipe for my Groundhog Pie starts with "First you call Buddy and get him to catch you a groundhog"

Well my friends it's 4:30am and I need to get up and be much more productive than this! It is so easy to sit in my chair and maunder to you folks! But time it is a wasting and I am rambling! So my friends have a wonderful week ~ remember Groundhog Day and Spring will be here soon!

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THE BIRCHBUMBLES ARE BACK
(From Pg. 1)

This edition of the Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre is performed by Big Sky Productions, and is a benefit for the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce - an organization of members representing local businesses and individuals in Liberty, NY and its hamlets of Ferndale, Parksville, Swan Lake and White Sulpher Springs. The Chamber promotes economic development and helps to enhance the community's overall standard of living.

Reunion hosts are: Huck Birchbuckle (Mike Valentine of Livingston Manor); his wife, Gardenia (Carol Montana of Grahamsville); daughter, Sally Mae (Constance Lawrence of Divine Corners); daughter, Mary Lou, performed by (S. Lavelle of Liberty); Sally Mae's boy friend, Jethro Brylcream, (Paul Ciliberto of Thunder Country 102 radio station); and IRS/FBI agent Clementine/Patty Serendipity (Cookie House of Ellenville).

The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre contains raunchy, lowdown hee-haw gaiety and very mature humor. The show is positively not recommended for young-uns.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the festivities start promptly at 7:00 p.m. - so don't y'all be getting thar late.

Tickets are \$25 and include a three-course dinner and the show. This is a B.Y.O.M. production (bring your own moonshine, that is).

If'n ya want to get tickets, or directions, or just more info, ya can call 845-295-0901 and ask about the show. And for more information about The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce go to: www.libertychamber.org.

The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. See y'all at there.

CLAUDIA WARUCH AT THE HEALING ART GALLERY (From Pg. 1)

Waruch, a resident of the Hudson Valley, earned an A.A. in Visual Arts. She then found her art medium while attending printmaking classes at the Woodstock School of Art, which is her base camp as an artist and student. Presently, she is pursuing a B.F.A. in Printmaking at SUNY New Paltz. Her work has previously been exhibited at the Plaza Gallery, Albany, N.Y. SUNY Juried Student Exhibit 2006, the Woodstock School of Art Student Exhibition 2007-2010, the Woodstock Art

Association and Museum Main Gallery Pairings Exhibit 2010 and the Founders Gallery Small Works 2010

Collagraphs are the majority of the art work in this show. A Collagraph is a printmaking practice with the basis of collage. The process involves constructing a plate which is inked using either intaglio or relief techniques. The plate and paper is then run through an etching press to create a print. Linocut prints are the result of carved linoleum blocks which are also inked and then run through a press.

Waruch describes her work as a flight from reality; she can easily lose herself and any concept of time and place while working on a print. She has found that printmaking provides her with creative nourishment and satisfaction. Textural exploration in particular stirs her sensibility and her work continually reflects that imagery. Asian art with its simple intensity influences her work. Honing her skills as an artist and a student are always her ultimate goal.

For information on the Ellenville Regional Hospital's Healing Art Gallery, please call 845-647-6400

UNE BONNE SOIREE CHEZ CAS EVENT AT CAS ARTS CENTER

On Saturday, February 19 from 6:30pm-9:30pm the CAS Arts Center will be hosting Une Bonne Soirée Chez CAS Event, an evening event that will include a special 4-course menu created by Chef JR Rowley of Flour Power Bakery. Ticket price includes:

Delicious 4-course French menu by Flour Power Bakery,*; Wine and other beverages.; A "J'aime Le Luxe raffle" with 1 chance included in your ticket price. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. Raffle items donated by local businesses; Screening of the film "An American in Paris" starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron; Music and dancing.

Tickets are \$50 per person and on-sale now! Call 845-436-4227 or email at Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org for reservations and more info.

Please, please, let us know if you are coming by Sunday, February 13, so that our wonderful chef can plan for how many diners he is creating the cuisine for the evening. No door tickets will be available.

WHATS HAPPEING AT THE WINTER FARMER'S MARKET

Ray and Dot Muthig have been maple sugaring for over 50 years and are regular vendors at the Liberty Market. This past Sunday they were in Callicoon with lots of maple products for sale. Dot will gave a talk on maple sugaring and some of her tips on cooking with maple.

Next Market will be Sunday, February 13 from 11am-2pm. Local vendors will display their wares. There will be plenty of products to choose from that are **American Made!**

The following are some of the vendors that will be at the market

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Silver Heights Farm Nursery Eggs from heritage breed chickens and potted windowsill greens for cut-and-come-again additions to salads. All organic of course.

You will be able to purchase baked goods from **Flour Power Bakery and Cafe** with artisan breads, pies, tarts, cakes, cookies, soup, pot pies, and savorys. And new for the winter market . . . Hot cider, organic coffee and tea.

Pika's Farm Table Quiche, chicken potpie, lobster potpie, and many soups including: Tomato Spinach Parmesan, Healthy Lentil with Orzo, Smoked Chicken Gumbo, available in containers or single serving pouches.

Sherman Hill Farmstead will have chevre, aged goat cheese, feta, Caerphilly, Camembert, basket cheese, cow's milk cheeses and goats' milk soap

Tonjes Farm Dairy with cows' milk, buttermilk, yogurt, fromage blanc, mozzarella, ricotta and aged raw milk cheeses.

Eminence Road Farm Winery will be there with 2009 riesling, chardonnay, pinot noir, and cabernet franc

Stone & Thistle Farm with beef, pork (including smoked hams, bacon), whole and chicken parts, meat pies (country fair pork pies and steak & kidney pies) and eggs.

Heller Farm with sweet potatoes, winter squash, onions, Yukon gold potatoes, bagged mixed Asian greens, carrots, radishes, salsa, pesto, pickles, jams and chickens.

Lucky Dog Farm Three colors of potatoes, leeks, garlic, celeriac, beets, carrots, radishes, crocodile bread; and maybe some salad greens.

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VALENTINE'S WEEKEND OF LOVE SONGS, DESSERTS AND JEWELRY!
(From Pg 1)

And to complete the whole Valentine's Day theme, prior to each performance, a Lia Sophia Jewelry Party will be held as a fund raiser for the SCDW with 30% of all jewelry sales going to the Workshop. During the month of February, there's a matching special for the new catalog - buy any two items at full price (make these your least expensive items) and get two at half price - any three at full price, get three at half price and so on. Dozens of new items have been added to the Lia Sophia catalog and this beautiful fashion jewelry, as always, comes with a lifetime replacement guarantee.

With piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville, the Cabaret features performances by Albee Bockman of Hurleyville, Marissa Cohen of Ellenville, Scott Eckers of Swan Lake, Sally Gladden of Woodridge, Terri Hall of Rock Hill, Carmine Iantorno of Middletown, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonkson, Lori Schneider-Wendt of Hurleyville, Heather Strauss of Rock Hill and Harold Tighe of Kauneonga Lake. With a mix of songs from pop to Broadway hits, including ballads and standards and a few unconventional love songs as well, there'll be something for everyone to L-O-V-E!

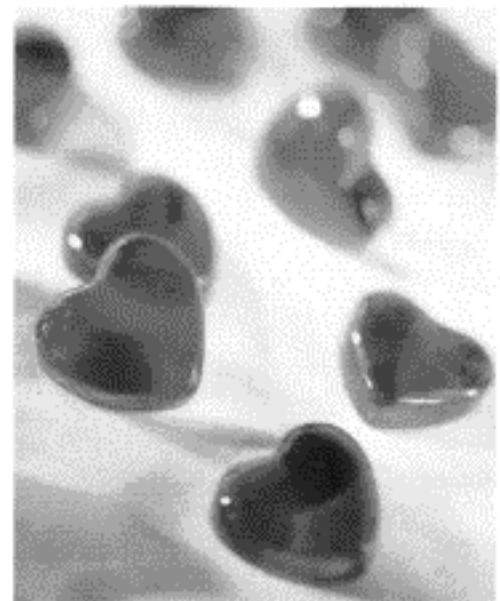
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"SHORTS AND SWEETS FOR VALENTINES"

The Catskill Artists Gallery presents Carol Montana of Big Sky Productions in an afternoon of short stories and homemade desserts called "Shorts and Sweets for Valentines" on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.



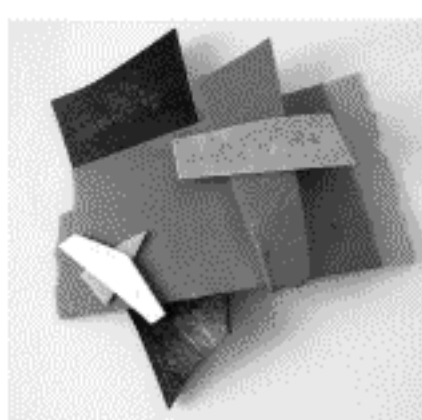
The event will be held at The Catskill Artists Gallery, 38 S. Main Street in Liberty.

Selections will feature the stories of Robert Fulghum, the author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, which dominated the *New York Times* Bestseller List for all of 1989 and much of 1990. Fulghum also wrote *It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It, Maybe (Maybe Not)*, and several other best-selling books. For 22 years Fulghum served as a Unitarian parish minister in the Pacific Northwest. During that time he also taught drawing, painting and philosophy at the Lakeside School in Seattle.

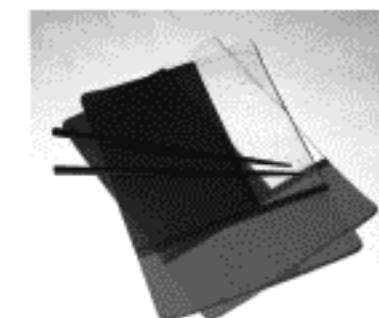
During intermission, while you're enjoying a delectable selection of handmade sweets, why not browse The Catskill Artists Gallery's wide selection of art, (always handmade with love), and select something for your Valentine.



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Robert Friedman's sculpture Triple Cross



Cate Gundlah's Sushi Dishes

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In addition you'll find artwork by over 30 gallery consignors includes photography, pottery, collage pictures, paintings and prints, note cards, calendars, glass, pastels, encaustic, wood and sculpture in prices that range start at just \$4.

When you give your sweetheart a handmade piece of art from the Catskill Artists Gallery, you also support the local economy with a gift that can't be found at the local warehouse club or mall.

Admission to "Shorts and Sweets" is just \$10.00 for an afternoon of delightful love stories and delicious desserts. (And we'll get you home in time for the Super Bowl, too.)

For additional information, call Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783, visit The Catskill Artists Gallery's Facebook page or their website at www.catskillartistsgallery.com.

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Friday-Sunday, Feb. 11-13, 2011: A Girl Scout Winter Sports program will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts work towards their Winter Sports Badge. Activities will include cross-country skiing, snow tubing, snowshoeing, hiking, ice fishing and ice cutting. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

PASTOR-EDUCATOR PENS 1ST BOOK-SIGNINGS (From Pg. 1)

Pastor Ienuso also in the Introduction chapter noted that "many theories, questions, comments, theologies, philosophies and inquires have been suggested as to whether this Revelation of Jesus Christ has already happened, or is happening, or will happen."

His conviction "is that Chapter 1 has already happened, Chapters 2 and 3 are happening and Chapters 4-22 have yet to happen."

In this book the pastor points out that the term "Eschatology means the study of "last things or the study of "end times (i.e., second coming of Jesus Christ)"

A significant reason why Pastor Ienuso wrote this book is that The Book of Revelations is an often misunderstood book of the Bible and he explains that "being God's word, it can be understood and not be a mysterious, veiled book."

Pastor Ienuso points out that "as you read the book you will understand what will be occurring during the end-times," and that, "each chapter will discuss verse by verse the meaning of this extraordinary book."

The pastor said he has found other verses in the Bible that supports the Book of Revelations and that his writings were originally part of bible studies.

It took him six weeks to complete this book and he is working on two new books about prayer and servanthood.

Fifty-seven year-old Richard Stephen Ienuso was born in Brooklyn and has been a pastor in upstate New York and Sullivan County since 1980.

He received his B.A. degree from St. John's University (N.Y.) and received his B.S. degree in Bible, minor in Ministerial Studies at Valley Forge Christian College in Pennsylvania and his Masters degree in Sacred Literature (M.S.L.) from Trinity Theological Seminary in Indiana. Work is presently taking place on his Doctorate with Cambridge Theological Seminary.

Having taught in various Christian Schools and a Bible Institute, Pastor Rich (as he is often called) has helped start a Christian Day School as well as a Christian High School in Sullivan County.

He is an ordained pastor and his wife, Pastor Kathie, is licensed with Elim Fellowship headquartered in Lima, NY. and they are co-pastors of Lighthouse Ministries in Neversink. Their ministry also includes Joseph's Storehouse, a food pantry and outreaches to the Jewish, Gentile and Youth communities. Their daughter, Grace, is involved in pageants, dance and expressive worship and is musically inclined.

The Rev. Randall Johnson of the International Localization Network said that Pastor Ienuso offers his reader a clear, logical and insightful study of this book. Rabbi Michael Lawrence Zeitler of Baruch Ha Shem Messianic Ministries International called Pastor Ienuso "a gifted and educated scholar. The Rev. Bill Banuchi of Marriage and Family Savers Institute says, "I always thought of Pastor Rich as the 'go to' guy whenever I had a Bible question." Chaplain Moises Santiago, Senior Chaplain of the Woodbourne Correctional Facility said, "Rev. Rich Ienuso brings light and motivation to the expectancy of the glorious return of Jesus Christ."

An official book signing will take place in the near future. The book sells for \$14.95 and is available on Amazon.com or by emailing lighthouseministries@gmx.com Neversink, New York Pastor-Educator- Author Rich Ienuso announced this week three dates where he will sign his first book, "The Unveiling Of Jesus Christ."

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The book is available for a donation of \$14.95 from Pastor Ienuso or at www.amazon.com

Pastor Ienuso is pastor of Lighthouse Ministries (affiliated with Elim Fellowship) of Neversink and can be contacted at 845-985-7026 or by email at lighthouseministries@gmx.co

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On 4th February, 1938, the animated film *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was released and had major success in the box-office, making more money than any other motion picture up until that time.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is a American animated film based on *Snow White*, (in German *Schneewittchen*) a German fairy tale that had been around for many years and was known in many countries in Europe, the best known version being the German one collected by the Brothers Grimm.

Snow White was the first full-length cel-animated feature in motion picture history, as well as the first animated feature film produced in America, the first produced in full color, the first to be produced by Walt Disney, and the first in the Walt Disney Animated Classics canon.

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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES
(From Pg. 6)

Plus a large selection of vinyl records. If you can't find something you like here, you'll at least have a good time not finding what you're looking for.

Here's this week's recommended musical events.

Friday, Feb. 4 - TODD SNIDER, one of our brightest Americana singer/songwriters, brings his many talents into CLUB HELSINKI in Hudson for what promises to be a great show.

Saturday, Feb. 5 - It must be birthday day, because tonight you can celebrate the birthday of two musical luminaries. At the BEARSVILLE THEATER, 5 reggae bands and assorted revelers will be celebrating the birthday of reggae's brightest star, BOB MARLEY, and at KEEGAN ALE in Kingston, we have the SECOND ANNUAL JERRY MAROTTA BIRTHDAY BASH. Last year was rockin', and this year will follow suit. With an all-star band featuring Jimmy Eppard, Pete Levin, Charlie Knicely, Nicole Hart, and of course, Jerry, I think I'm gonna have to call this my PICK of the WEEK. Jerry's played and recorded with Peter Gabriel, Elvis Costello, Paul McCartney, Hall and Oates, Stevie Nicks, John Mayer, Robbie Robertson, and many more, and the other folks in this band have resumes almost as impressive. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

Sunday, Feb. 6 - Rounding out the weekend is another great show at CLUB HELSINKI in Hudson. Once local, now internationally famous, 5 time Grammy winning lap steel and dobro player, CINDY CASHDOLLAR, takes the stage with RORY BLOCK, for an astounding evening of musical virtuosity. Cindy's licks have graced the recordings of Van Morrison, Bob Dylan, Rod Stewart, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Jorma Kaukonen, The Band, Ryan Adams, and countless others. Most recently, she's toured with Dave Alvin of The Blasters in his Guilty Women. Rory Block is no slouch either. The winner of 5 W. C. Handy awards and numerous other honors, she has recorded and performed with everyone from Jorma, Bob Weir, and Mark Knopfler, to Keb Mo, Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal, Stevie Wonder, and more. The Blues Foundation calls her "The top female interpreter and authority on traditional country blues worldwide", The New York Blues and Jazz Society calls her "A national treasure", and Robert Johnson's grandchildren say that she should be awarded "A doctorate in their grandfather's music" and that when she plays, "It is as if their grandfather is here all over again". You know what, this week we're gonna have to have two PICK's of the WEEK! This is too good to not be the pick, but so's Jerry's party, so, two picks this week.

Have a great week, and we'll see you next week in *The Townsman*.

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ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CRITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther (D, C-Forestburgh) announced the passage of legislation extending several ongoing education programs facing disruption due to the expiration of current law provisions (A.2289). These provisions are traditionally included in the state budget, and the Assembly's measure seeks to counteract the negative impact caused by last year's veto of the Education, Labor and Family Assistance Article VII bill.

"That veto was unfortunate, coming at a time when Sullivan and Orange County libraries and education programs desperately need funding to stay afloat," Gunther said. "The legislation passed by the Assembly continues our longstanding commitment to protecting education and ensuring our children are prepared when they enter the workforce."

The legislation passed by the Assembly would allow for the continuation of equitable distribution of Library Aid. Without the passage of this legislation, many library systems will face additional cuts in funding that could amount to 28% of their aid on top of the five reductions imposed already over the past two years which have dropped Library Aid from \$102 million in 2008 to \$83 million today.

Language in this legislation allows the Education Commissioner to grant waivers to libraries and library systems from the maintenance of local effort requirement in order to receive their full allotment of state aid. Many libraries and library systems have had their local funding cut (in addition to reduced state aid) and therefore they could lose up to 25% more of their state aid. Additionally, the bill:

- Continues the state's No Child Left Behind compliance provisions, so that schools don't lose federal funding;
- Continues School Bus Driver Safety training grants; and
- Allows for the payment of aid to public, school and research library systems

"While I'm looking forward to working with the new administration to streamline New York State Government and drastically reduce costs, it's important that we fulfill our current commitments. In these difficult economic times, we must continue our responsibility to educate our children and recognize the important role public libraries play in our communities."

GUNTHER SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF BILL TO STOP PRICE GOUGING OF SENIOR CITIZENS

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C - Forestburgh) today announced the passage of legislation she supported preventing price gouging of senior citizens. The legislation, which still has to pass in the Senate and be signed by Governor Cuomo, establishes a reasonable fee schedule for the use, maintenance and repair of air conditioners in adult homes.

"Too many seniors on meager, fixed incomes are being taken advantage of by unscrupulous landlords and corporations who charge exorbitant fees for the use of air conditioners, many of which were purchased with the use of State incentives."

Most residents living in adult homes can fall ill from the effects of the summer heat, often exacerbated by medications. Over the years, the State has encouraged adult homes to purchase air conditioners for these residents but some of them have charged residents huge fees for running the air conditioners once they are installed. Of course, faced with these large bills, the seniors are reluctant to turn on the air conditioners even on the warmest of days.

"This bill directs the Commissioner of Health to set reasonable fees, taking into consideration the price of electricity," Gunther said. "Preventing these outrageous fees will help ensure that senior residents will use their air conditioners without the fear of receiving an unaffordable bill."

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) tonight released the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's second State of the Union address.

"Tonight, President Barack Obama spoke on the need to get America back to work by restoring our competitive edge and getting our fiscal house in order. Over the last two tough years, we've prevented a second Great Depression, stabilized the global financial system and made substantial investments in our future. Today, we've seen 11 straight months of job creation, but I agree with the president - so much more needs to be done to restore economic growth and rebuild the middle class.

"Like the president, my top priority in the new Congress is job creation. America can't balance its budget when far too many Americans are out of work and can't balance their own budgets. To turn things around, we must start by fixing our roads, bridges and crumbling schools, help states end layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police, and continue partnering with businesses to harness the power of clean, safe alternative energies like wind and solar.

"That's why I commend the president for his commitment to transfer the money we spend on subsidies for already-profitable Big Oil companies to new investments in our alternative energy future. Doing so will help strengthen the investments in prosperity and opportunity that have already proven so effective in our part of New York. It will strengthen solar energy in the Hudson Valley, where federal resources I've secured have already created hundreds of new jobs. In Ithaca, it will support manufacturers of 21st-century battery technologies that have sprung up in response to the Department of Defense's commitment to renewable fuels that I've worked to usher along. In Orange County, it will build on the success of a \$100 million Department of Energy loan guarantee that is constructing a cutting edge biomass energy facility. And at Binghamton University it will help grow new energy programs that have already created hundreds of new jobs with over a dozen area companies.

"We New Yorkers are already proving that America can reshape its economic future and, by manufacturing our own renewable energy, reclaim control of its energy security by reducing our reliance on oil imported from hostile nations. But to continue on this path of progress, as President Obama explained, we must remain competitive. That's why I authored, and the President signed into law, a provision that requires solar energy panels purchased by the Department of Defense to be made in America and why I'm working to curtail illegal subsidies and Chinese currency manipulation that take away our competitive edge.

"We will not sustain an economy that doesn't produce anything and I reject the cynics who say that 'Made in America' are the words of a bygone era. We need to build on our progress by negotiating trade agreements that lift workers up, instead of bringing American workers down to the level of those in Mexico and China. It's time for fair trade that supports American workers - not more free trade policies that export American jobs.

"As we move our economy forward, we must also fight to close the gulf between the rich and the rest of us.

With the wealthiest one percent taking home more than the entire middle class combined and two-thirds of American families now living paycheck to paycheck, it isn't right that millionaires just received a new \$100,000 a year tax cut while those making under \$20,000 a year will face a higher tax burden this year than they did last year. I voted against that tax policy, because I knew it was unfair and would increase the deficit by over \$800 billion. To ensure that our future prosperity is shared by all Americans and that our budget is balanced over the long run, we need to invest wisely and tax fairly. It's long since time we did both.

"In summation, I share the President's belief that our best days are still ahead, because the American spirit of innovation and ingenuity is still alive and well. And, I also agree that in this competitive global marketplace our economic destiny is uniquely tied to our willingness to win the future by making the right investments in it. By remaking our priorities to reflect the demands of a changing world, making the tough decisions to balance our budget and working to ensure that Americans are working their way into the middle class instead of falling out of it, I know that the next generation will live to see a greater America than that which our parents gave to us."

HINCHEY WORKING TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS by Repealing 1099 Reporting Requirement from Health Reform Law

Washington, DC - As part of his effort to improve the health reform law, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) this week became an original co-sponsor of a bill that would repeal a provision that in 2012 will require businesses to send IRS Form 1099s for every business-to-business transaction of \$600 or more for both property and services. The Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 417, would help small businesses, which say the requirement needlessly complicates the tax filing process without offering a foreseeable benefit.

"Employers in our part of New York and across the country should be in the job creating business - not the paperwork business," said Hinchey. "The health care law made a lot of important improvements but we need to continually work for smart changes that everyone can agree on. This new requirement won't improve our health care system and it needs to be eliminated. That's what I'm working hard to do, and I'm hopeful that we'll get bipartisan support."

President Obama highlighted the new 1099s filing requirement in his State of the Union address, noting that it would place an "unnecessary bookkeeping burden on small businesses." The expanded reporting requirement is not currently in place and is not scheduled to take effect until 2012. The provision was included in the Affordable Care Act to raise revenue by reducing the "tax gap," or the amount of income that goes unreported by large corporations, by requiring more comprehensive reporting of purchases of property and services.

H.R. 417 is fully paid for by a 5.4% surcharge on adjusted gross income that exceeds \$1,000,000 annually for joint tax filers and \$800,000 annually for individual filers. Any revenue raised in excess of the amount necessary to offset the repeal of the 1099 requirement is required to be used to pay down the federal deficit and debt.

Hinchey has also targeted several other areas where the Affordable Care law could be improved to further lower costs and improve the system as a whole. Notably, he has focused on allowing for the negotiation of prescription drug costs through Medicare to save \$156 billion over ten years and accelerating the time frame for implementing provisions that reduce prescription drug costs and reduce Medicare fraud. The congressman has also cited a need for an expedited timeframe with regard to provisions that create greater choice and competition and noted his continued

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2010 Report Card on
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 Corrected version January 20, 2011

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The role of the Ulster County Legislature

33 legislators are elected from 12 districts across Ulster County.

The Ulster County Charter empowers the Legislature with the authority to adopt the budget; levy taxes; incur debt; create and amend or abolish local laws; approve vendor contracts and change order in excess of \$50,000; approve labor contracts; set salaries for non-union employees; create, amend or abolish administrative units; set the equalization rate among the taxing entities within the county, and more.

The 2010 legislative Session included:

- 13 Regular Sessions
- 12 Public Hearings
- 103 Committee Meetings

How are Legislators Compensated?

Legislators are paid \$10,000 per year.

Legislators are eligible for health benefits; 16 receive health coverage; 7 receive dental/vision coverage; each covered legislator contributes to the cost of their coverage.

28 legislators are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System.

The 2010 Legislative Budget included:

- \$343,500 for Legislator salaries
- \$257,865 for health benefits of which legislators contributed
- \$25,786.68

Legislators who serve five terms are entitled to insurance coverage upon retirement.

Legislator	% of Regular meetings Attended	% of Public Hearings Attended	Corrected % of Committee Meetings Attended
Roy E. Hochberg	100	100	100
Richard Gerentine	100	100	95.24
Hector Rodriguez	100	100	91.18
Mary Beth Maio	100	100	90.63
Catherine Terrizzi	100	100	80.95
Kenneth Ronk	100	100	76.09
Robert Parete	100	91.67	95.83
Terry Bernardo	100	91.67	90.63
Peter M. Loughran	100	83.33	95.24
Jack Hayes	100	83.33	91.18
David B. Donaldson	100	83.33	80.95
Michael L. Madsen	100	83.33	78.26
Michael J. Sweeney	100	75.00	100
Paul J. Hansut Δ	100	75.00	95.24
Donald J. Gregorius	100	75.00	93.75
Dean J. Fabiano	100	75.00	86.36
Laura Pettit	100	58.33	79.07
Jim Maloney	92.31	83.33	92.86
Alan Lomita	92.31	83.33	85.71
Mary Sheeley	92.31	83.33	85.71
Thomas J. Briggs	92.31	83.33	80.77
Jeanette Provenzano*	92.31	83.33	78.13
Frederick Wadnola**	92.31	83.33	None Assigned
Carl Belfiglio	92.31	66.67	97.14
Brian Shapiro	92.31	50	65
Walter Frey, Jr.	84.62	91.67	77.27
Wayne Harris	84.62	75	86.67
Joseph Stoekeler, Jr.	84.62	75	84.62
Frank Felicello, Jr. *	84.62	66.67	81.82
Susan E. Zimet	84.62	66.67	72.73
Kevin Roberts	84.62	58.33	95.45
Richard A. Parete	84.62	25	10
Robert T. Aiello	84.62	25	None Assigned

** Chairman of Legislature (additional \$9,500 stipend)
 * Vice-Chairman of Legislature
 Δ Majority Leader (additional \$2,000 stipend)
 * Minority Leader (additional \$2,000 stipend)

GILLIBRAND ON PRESIDENT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS: TIME TO COME TOGETHER AND CREATE JOBS

Washington, D.C. - After President Obama's State of the Union address tonight, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:
 "This last election was not a mandate for any one political party. It was a mandate for action. President Obama laid out a bold vision for this Congress. It is time to come together and work to create jobs across America.

"I firmly believe that Congress is capable of putting politics aside and coming together to forge solutions. The way we fulfilled our moral obligation to the survivors and heroes of 9/11 is a testament to Congress' ability to work together and do what is right.

"We need to continue the spirit of goodwill that led us to that victory. We need to keep working together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans who are committed to a growing economy and a better future for America's middle class."

FOOD COLLECTION

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the **Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store** in West Shokan. They are particularly looking for donations of single servings of fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. For more information call **Paula** at **845-657-2115**.

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Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
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 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of issuing a Logging Permit on SBL 42-1-27.3 / 27.112 / 27.111 / 27.2 / 27.12 located on Frost Valley Road, owner of record Laura Brock Smith.

Property is under the 480A Forest Tax Law and the timber harvest is a requirement of that Law. Number of acres to be harvested approximately 140, number of trees to be harvested around 1045, and number of board feet to be harvested approximately 182,054.

The Public Hearing will be held just prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting, at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, on Thursday, February 10, 2011, and starting at 7 PM. All interested person(s) will be heard at said time.

By Order of the
Town of Denning Planning Board
Carl Landon, Chairman

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, notice of Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 12 day of January, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2011, entitled "A Local Law to amend Chapter 27 of the Code of the Town of Neversink entitled "Flood Damage Prevention" to comply with the floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program contained in 44 CFR 60.3(b, c, and d)." Said local law replaces the Town's existing Flood Damage Prevention Law in order to update the same and incorporate therein the new Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps establishing the 100-year base flood elevations for the Town of Neversink as recently completed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to maintain the Town of Neversink's eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on January 12, 2011 and said Local Law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on January 19, 2011.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK**

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: January 27, 2011

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that March 1, 2011 is the final day for ALL EXEMPTION FORMS to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323 or 319, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Town of Neversink

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 10, 2011 at the Neversink Town Hall at 7:00pm

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**AMENDED SOLICITATION FOR BIDS ON
WASHER AND DRYER**

The Neversink Fire District is seeking bids for an industrial washer and drying cabinet which meets the following general specifications:

The washer and dryer should have a 60 pound capacity, sufficient for washing and drying up to six full sets of turnout gear including jackets, bibs, gloves and boots at one time. The shell shall be constructed of stainless steel and the shell door shall be stainless steel with high tensile strength glass capable of withstanding high mechanical action and thermal shock. Both units must be capable of being serviced by a three phase electrical system. Both units are to be delivered to the Neversink Fire District at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York 12765 within 30 days of the acceptance of the bid by the Fire District. Any and all delivery and/or installation charges are to be included in the bid submitted. Warranty information should also be submitted with the bid; if cost for the basic warranty is additional, it should be so noted on the bid.

Bids will be opened by the Neversink Fire District at its regular meeting on February 16, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. Any and all bids must be received prior to or at the time of the bid opening.

A non-collusion certificate must be included with the bid submitted.

The Board of Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to accept the bid best suited for its specific needs.

This Amended Solicitation replaces the Solicitation for Bids dated January 4, 2011; the only change in this Amended Solicitation is the specification that both units must be capable of being serviced by a three phase electrical system.

Bids can be mailed to the Neversink Fire District at PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765. Interested bidders with questions may contact Fire Commissioner Tim Dexheimer by regular mail at the above address or by phone at (845) 985-2563.

Dated: January 24, 2011
Kim Moore, FEMA Grant Manager
Neversink Fire District
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**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

February 3, 2011

6:00 p.m. - Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 1. Minutes
 2. CSE Recommendations
 3. Building Use Forms
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
 1. Warrants
- F. BUDGET WORKSHOP - PART 1 - CAPITAL
- G. LATE-BREAKING NEWS
- H. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- I. ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The
NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all dogs
4 mos. & older must be licensed.**

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. (Next Col.)

All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.

For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

To the Editor,

It is pretty obvious that the current Sullivan County budget crisis was triggered by an election year gimmick meant to get the legislators re-elected. While no one wants to see their tax bill go up, the zero percent tax increase in the 2011 budget was very irresponsible. Given the amount of money the county has borrowed through bonds and the fact that fuel, insurance and most other costs have gone up, we are being set up for a double digit tax increase next year after the election. Now the legislators want to make additional cuts to the Sheriff's Department that will eliminate deputies and place the citizens of Sullivan County in danger. The November election can't come soon enough!

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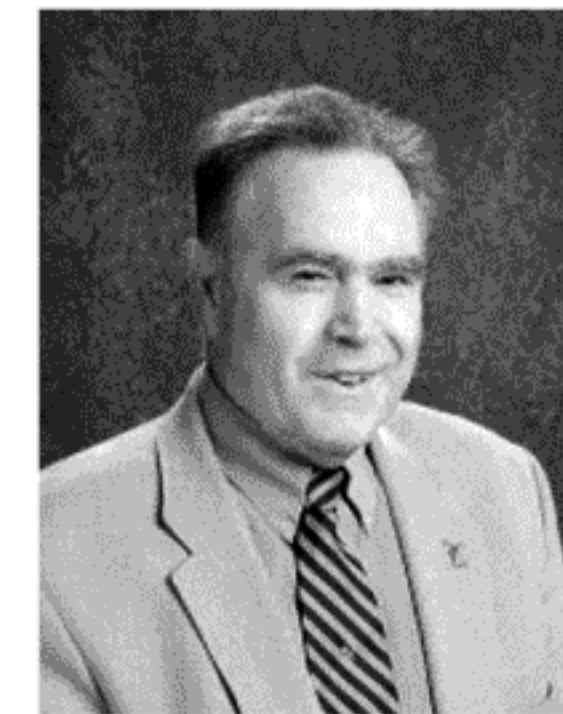
**MONTICELLO APPOINTS INTERIM
SUPERINTENDENT**

The Monticello Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Edward Rhine, of Chocowinity, North Carolina, as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Monticello Central School District. Mr. Rhine was officially appointed at the January 20th Board of Education meeting to fill the position of Dr. Patrick Michel, the current superintendent, who is leaving in the beginning of February to take a new position at Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery BOCES. Mr. Rhine's appointment will start on February 7, 2011 and is intended to run until the hiring of a new superintendent. The Monticello District is currently in the process of working with the Sullivan County BOCES in the search for a new superintendent. If all goes as planned, the Board of Education will make its selection for the new superintendent in May.

Mr. Rhine retired in 2002 with eight years of service as a Superintendent, serving the Ellenville Central School District, and Highland Falls Central School Districts. Since then he has completed five interim assignments in the last six years. Included in his interim assignments are Liberty Central School where he served as Superintendent in 2002-2003 and 2006-2008, Superintendent of Florida UFSO from 2002-2004, Superintendent of New Paltz Central School in 2004-2005, and Superintendent of Millbrook Central School in 2005-2006. Mr. Rhine brings with him a strong commitment and dedication to doing what is best for the district. Mr. Rhine brings more than experience to the district; he has been selected by his peers to serve as a mentor to beginning Superintendents and to be a member of the Board of Directors of EDUCORPS, a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, consulting service chartered by the state Board of Regents to provide guidance and advice to chief school officers and their staff.

"The Board of Education feels very fortunate to have found such a highly qualified person that brings with him such a wealth of knowledge and many years of experience to this interim position. We are very much looking forward to working with Mr. Rhine and welcome him into our entire educational community," stated Board of Education President, Susan Purcell.

For more information please contact Sullivan County BOCES at (845) 295-4016 or the Monticello School at (845) 794-7700



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.
Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.
Mount Airy Lodge Casino Wednesday, May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation, \$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.
Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.
Museum of Natural History Saturday June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.
ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.
The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.
ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.
Rhinebeck Fair Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.
Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.
Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.
Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

2/4/11 **First Friday Group** -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm Book for discussion *Anna's Book*, by Barbara Vin
 2/5/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** -5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
 2/5/11 **Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. Luncheon of the County Ice Fishing Contest** 7am-3 pm (details pg 13)
 2/5/11 **Flea Market** Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake 8am to 4pm (Vendor (details pg 13)
 2/5/11 **2nd Annual Winter Festival** 12-4 pm Lippman Part, Rt 209 Warwarsing
 2/7/11 **Town of Olive Audit Meeting** 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
 2/8/11 **Town of Olive Monthly Meeting** 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
 2/10/11 **Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall** 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 2/12/11 **Dead as a Doornail** Dinner Theater TVCS Theatre Club 6 pm; show @7 pm. Reservations 985-2296 ext 5503
 2/13/11 **Penny Social TVCS** Doors open at 3:00 pm, calling begins at 4:15 pm call 985-2296 ext 5503
 2/15/11 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals**
 2/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
 2/20/11 **Winterlude 2011** - 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.
 2/21/11 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day**
 2/22/11 **Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept.** 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
 3/4/11 **First Friday Group** -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm - Book for discussion *Flights of Passage: Reflections of a World War II Aviator*, by Samuel Hynes

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.
Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
 To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

REMINDER TO TRI-VALLEY FIRE DISTRICTS & CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:

Please send your 2011 calendar of events for us to post. Thank you!
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | LIGHTHOUSE DELI |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI | E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake) | NAPANOCH FLORIST |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| 3 GOLDENS CONVENIENCE STORE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET |
| | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty) | |

NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Sands Salvage
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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

GILLIBRAND TO SERVE ON SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced she will serve on the Senate Armed Services Committee in the 112th Congress. Gillibrand served on the House Armed Services Committee when she represented New York's 20th Congressional District, and has worked closely with Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin (D-MI) to support America's troops and veterans in the Senate. Senator Gillibrand worked with Chairman Levin to strengthen our national security by repealing the corrosive "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, including securing the first committee hearing that led to its repeal.
 Senator Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"One of the reasons I came to Congress was to strengthen our national security and serve as a voice for our troops and military families. I am honored to once again serve on the Armed Services Committee to continue fighting for America's troops and veterans.

"I look forward to working to strengthen our security and keep America safe, and I am committed to creating better opportunities for troops and military families to get ahead here at home, and growing our whole economy by connecting our military with New York's emerging private sector high-tech and manufacturing industries.

"From helping to create more good-paying jobs for veterans so they can succeed in the economy after serving our nation, to improving access to quality health care, to providing affordable loans to buy a home and a chance at a college degree, we must ensure the opportunities and benefits we offer our military families always live up to their service."

New York State is home to a major military presence, including Fort Drum near Watertown, the United States Military Academy at West Point, Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, as well as National Guard bases in Newburgh, Niagara Falls, Scotia and Syracuse. This past November, Senator Gillibrand spent time traveling throughout Afghanistan and Pakistan and has previously visited Iraq on a military CODEL.

Senator Gillibrand will continue to serve on the following Senate committees: Agriculture, Environment and Public Works, Special Committee for the Aging.

ELLENVILLE HOSPITAL OFFERS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT "LOVE YOUR HEART DAY"

Ellenville Regional Hospital invites you to join them for their 11th annual *Love Your Heart Day*.

The free festivities will be held on Tuesday, February 15th from 10:30am-12:30pm at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

As part of the *Love Your Heart Day* events, the Hospital will be offering a seminar at 12:00 noon by Saeeda Mahmud, Cardiologist titled "Heart Related Dizziness & Syncope".

In addition, there will be talks by hospital staff as follows: 11:00am: Diabetes and Heart Disease - What is the Connection? By Dawn Scribner, Registered Dietitian & Certified Diabetes Educator

11:30am: The Benefits of Regular Cardiovascular Exercise for Preventing Heart Disease! By Theresa Marcel, Dir. of Physical Medicine & Rehab

There will also be blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, healthy snacks and give-a-ways!

All events are being offered free to the public! For further information about Love Your Heart Day, please contact Debbie Briggs at 647-6400 extension 286.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN NURSING?

LIBERTY - On Wednesday, February 9th, and Thursday March 3rd the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will be hosting two information sessions about the BOCES LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) Program. Potential students can choose to attend on either date, and multiple sessions are being offered to fit busy schedules: 1:00 PM to 2:00PM or 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All sessions will be held at the Ruben Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, in the Career & Tech Dining Room.

Each session will include an overview of the LPN Program admission process. Learn about the application requirements, admission testing, financial aid resources and other program information. The nursing faculty will also explain the program curriculum, competencies and clinical rotations. Career advancement opportunities and college articulation information will also be presented.

Part-time and Full-time programs are available for adults and high school seniors. We are now

accepting applications for September 2011.

Registration is required to attend the sessions. Attendance is strongly recommended for adults and high school seniors interested in enrolling in an LPN class for September 2011. For more information and to register please call 295- 4172. Now is the time to start your nursing career!

Explore a career in nursing where the employment outlook is great! The Career & Tech Program at BOCES prepares students with skills, knowledge and work ethics for the 21st. century.

INTRODUCTION TO RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC WIRING COURSES STARTING ON FEB 3rd SC BOCES

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is starting a new Residential Electric Wiring Course on Feb 3rd from 6:00- 9:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 8th at the Ruben Pollack Education Center in the Construction Technology Shop.

The course will provide individuals with basic electric skills including, installing boxes and conductors, wire and cable connections and switching. Other related topics will be covered during the course.

For more information or to register contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or log onto scboces.org and follow us on face book and twitter for program updates. The Adult Program at BOCES enhances our community, one family at a time.

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Daniel Pierce Library

Winter hours effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

845-985-7233

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every **Townsmen** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: historian@townofneversink.org, or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT- 1-2 Bedroom Apartment; 1-3 Bedroom apartment. Call 985-0107

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Pair Firestone Winterforce UV Tires- 245/65R17 107S BSW Pair of snow/ all weather tires used one season. Excellent condition, on car 3 months, can be studded. \$120.00 takes both. 845-985-2869

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POLITICAL SLANT,

by Frank Comando

Davos, Switzerland, 29 January 2011 - The global economy is rebounding, led by developing economies including China and India, with developed countries growing much more slowly, government and banking leaders said in a plenary session on the global economic outlook at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2011. While the recovery is gaining pace, however, there remain significant challenges for all economies.

America can "out-innovate, out-educate, out-build the rest of the world," in the words of President Obama, if it succeeds in restructuring its economy.

However, if the US restructures and China does not change its development model, the imbalances that caused the global financial crisis will not be addressed.

One thing that China can do is to let its currency appreciate against the dollar, which will improve US trade competitiveness and create US jobs.

The US must also solve a host of internal problems, including its seriously high debt-to-GDP ratio, reliance on deficit spending, runaway unemployment, and weak educational system.

Problem? High debt-to-GDP ratio.
Congressman Hinchey suggests tariff's. Public opinion agrees.

Problem? U.S. Reliance on deficit spending.
Letting the tax cut expire for earners of over one million dollars a year would have significantly reduced the deficit. The leadership of our new Congress has supported the extension of the tax cut using blackmail tactics, with the new congress's deal, if there is no tax cut for (3/10 of 1%) the super-rich, there will be no extension of unemployment benefits for the out of work working class, many of whom lost their jobs to outsourcing companies moving out of the U.S. to pay slave wages in India and China. In the opinion of the working class Americans, these new congressional representatives should not be re-elected.

Problem? Runaway unemployment.
Quote from Congressman Hinchey, see full article on page 12. "I reject the cynics who say that 'Made in America' are the words of a bygone era. We need to build on our progress by negotiating trade agreements that lift workers up, instead of bringing American workers down to the level of those in Mexico and China. It's time for fair trade that supports American workers - not more free trade policies that export American jobs. We New Yorkers are already proving that America can reshape its economic future and, by manufacturing our own renewable energy, reclaim control of its energy security by reducing our reliance on oil imported from hostile nations. But to continue on this path of progress, as President Obama explained, we must remain competitive. **That's why I authored, and the President signed into law, a provision that requires solar energy panels purchased by the Department of Defense to be made in America and why I'm working to curtail illegal subsidies and Chinese currency manipulation that take away our competitive edge.**"

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words.

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- 15+ peaceful acres at end of dead end road, partially cleared to enjoy views. Adj. to YMCA-owned land. \$120,000

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia THIS WEEK A LITTLE LEAGUE SPECIAL, WITH A PIZZA CONTEST, THE TRUE STORY OF ONE OF THE GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ALL TIME, "THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES," a 1942 true story of

Baseball legend Lou Gehrig, as he faces a crippling disease at the height of his success. **Cast:** Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright, Babe Ruth, Walter Brennan **Dir:** Sam Wood **BW-128 mins, TV-PG On TCM Sunday, February 6, 2011, at 5:45pm**

Quiz:

- A. Who played Babe Ruth?
- B. Who played Bill Dickey?

What's going on in the Gnome Gneighborhood™ this week?

TRI- VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE - Win a pizza! Be the first to call 845.985.0501 and leave a message with the correct answers to the above quiz.

Rules for this **LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYERS TRIVIA**, Entrant must be a Tri-Valley Little League signed up player (players, enter only with parents consent, stated before Little League player's answer) Good luck. Mom & Dad, do not forget to leave the name of your Little League Player, and phone number with your answer.

For all Towns - Statewide Ban on Feeding Black Bears Now in Effect, responding to the growing number of conflicts between bears and people across **New York State, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)** today announced a new state regulation that prohibits the feeding of black bears. Previously, DEC prohibited the intentional feeding of bears in proximity to certain locations. **The DEC's new regulation prohibits both incidental and intentional feeding of bears statewide.** Specifically, the regulation bans intentional feeding of black bears, and, after previous written notice from DEC, also prohibits incidental or indirect feeding of black bears through food attractants such as garbage, refuse or bird seed. **The regulation grants DEC the authority to require removal of these and other food attractants when bears become problematic.**

Instead of more regulations, why not just extend the hunting season?

Shandaken - NY - Town of Shandaken Supervisor, Robert A. Stanley's first report in this issue.

Have a great week!
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Babe Ruth
B. Bill Dickey